

TOWN OF WESTFORD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the **Route 40 Culvert Improvement Project** will be received by the Town of Westford, at the office of the Town Engineer, first floor of the Highway Facility, 28 North Street, Westford MA 01886, on or before:

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH at 1:30 P.M.

and at the time indicated will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked "BID FOR: ROUTE 40 CULVERT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT".

The project will include the removal of an existing combined stone arch and metal pipe culvert that conveys Keyes Brook beneath Route 40 (also known as Groton Road) and the construction of a new precast concrete bridge system. The new bridge system will be approximately 40 feet in length with a 12-foot span. The project will also include new precast wing walls, precast foundations, utility relocations, slope stabilization, paving and other miscellaneous work.

Plans and specifications may be examined and/or obtained at the office of the Town Engineer from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Plans and specifications may also be downloaded free of charge at www.westfordma.gov/rfp. A non-refundable \$10.00 mailing and handling fee will be charged to those requesting that the Contract Documents be mailed to them. There is no cost or deposit required for picking up the Contract Documents.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a <u>BID BOND</u>, <u>CASHIER's</u>, <u>TREASURER's</u> or <u>CERTIFIED CHECK</u> issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. Bid bonds shall be issued by a company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth. The successful bidder must furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

The town requires that this project be substantially complete on or before August 20, 2016. Due to the nature of the required work, the Town of Westford will allow the closure and detour of Route 40 for a maximum of twenty (20) consecutive calendar days anytime between June 27, 2016 and August 20, 2016. Extended work hours, Monday through Sunday 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., will be permitted while Route 40 is detoured in an effort to expedite construction and reduce traffic impacts. Liquidated damages will apply if Project Milestones are not achieved.

Engineering Department 28 North Street • Westford, MA 01886 Tel. (978) 692-5520 • (978) 692-5517 • Fax (978) 399-2739 The Contract Documents include price adjustments for liquid asphalt, gasoline and diesel fuel.

Bidders shall conform to all specifications and shall use the bid sheets provided for submittal. Instructions for filing Bids are contained in the Contract Documents included with the Specifications.

The town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions thereof if deemed to be in the best interest of the town. Selection of the Contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the town to be the lowest responsible, responsive and eligible bidder. The Town of Westford is the awarding authority.

All proposals are subject to Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Labor Standard prevailing wage rates, Davis-Bacon wage rates, EEOC Regulations, OSHA regulations, and MGL Chapter 30B, Chapter 30 39M, and Chapter 149, Section 44A, where applicable. The Town of Westford is an affirmative action/equal opportunity owner/purchaser and MBE and WBE contractors are encouraged to bid.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.